MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

JULY 21, 2015

INVOCATION:
Director of Community Development Appel gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Orach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, Assistant City Attorney Sinco, Director of Community Development Appel, City Librarian Housel, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kahn, Police Chief Martin, Fire Chief Orr, Director of Recreation & Parks Posada, Director of Utilities Springer, Deputy City Manager Stilwell, Deputy City Manager Tse, Director of Administrative Services Visé, Utilities Business Manager Long, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

1. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

A. LIBRARY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
Councilmember Boysen presented a plaque and certificate of appreciation to Shirley Boydstun in recognition of her community leadership and service volunteering with the Guadalupe Branch of the Santa Maria Public Library.

City Librarian Housel thanked Ms. Boydstun for her service and for being such a valuable resource to the Community.

Mayor Patino asked for a moment of silence in memory of the members of the armed forces who were recently killed in a shooting in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Andrew Carter, City Administrator of the City of Guadalupe, spoke about the contributions Shirley Boydstun had made to the Guadalupe, and stated the success of their Council meetings was largely due to Shirley.

Amelia Villegas, President of the Friends of the Guadalupe Library and City of Guadalupe employee, spoke about Shirley Boydstun and the growth of the Guadalupe Library over the years. She thanked her for her service.

Rod Berns spoke about his brother Jerry Berns who was killed in 2011. He said he received information from the City that the case was being reviewed. He asked if City staff could provide any information.

Mayor Patino indicated that she was familiar with the case and asked Police Chief Martin to provide a response to Mr. Berns.

Police Chief Martin explained he had reviewed the case when he first assumed his position as Chief of Police with the City. He also met with the District Attorney's office to review the case. He indicated that he sent a gunshot residue kit to the Los Angeles Sherriff's Department's laboratory. The result came back positive indicating Mr. Berns shot a gun the night of the incident. Chief Martin said he also sent a photo from security cameras to the FBI for investigation but the photo was too grainy to recover any specific evidence. He went on to say that he had hired two retired homicide investigators in the last six weeks to work on the case and present a final report by the end of September 2015. He stated he planned to meet with Mr. Berns once he had the final report.

Rod Berns thanked Chief Martin for his efforts.

Mahliah & David Gomez commented on the location of the current Greyhound Bus Station requesting that the City move it to the Transit Center. They expressed concern about the fact that the station is in the middle of a residential neighborhood, explaining that while they were home, their house was broken into by a man that had been released from prison who had just gotten off a bus at the Greyhound Station in their neighborhood.

Debbie Warren spoke about illegal fireworks and asked that the problem be added to a meeting agenda as soon as possible. She said her neighborhood was still having problems with fireworks and animals being disturbed by the noise. One dog had recently been hit running away from the fireworks, and several neighbors had to pay to retrieve their pets from the pound.

City Manager Haydon stated that the increased use of illegal fireworks had been the topic of discussion recently on the City Manager's ListServ throughout the State. He said City staff were planning to meet to discuss the issue in preparation of next year's firework season. He also commented that the City was working with the Greyhound Bus Station regarding its relocation.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:
Councilmember Orach asked to comment on Item 3C.

Item 3C – Voting Delegates
Councilmember Orach asked the reason for the item.

City Manager Haydon responded that every year, the League of California Cities requests that each City designate representatives to be voting delegates who attend the League's Annual Conference and Business Meeting. If one person cannot attend the business meeting at the Conference, another is assigned as an alternate to attend and vote on issues at the business meeting.

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3H were approved on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of July 7, 2015, were approved as submitted.

C. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATES
Mayor Patino was designated the Voting Delegate, and City Manager Haydon as the Alternate, for the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

D. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 194126 to 194722 totaling $5,190,596.86 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 189081, 189588, 189446, 191331, 193858, and 194414 were cancelled.

E. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

F. PARKING RESTRICTIONS
Resolution No. 2015-71 was adopted approving a parking restriction of vehicles over six feet in height at South College Drive along the westerly right-of-way, beginning eighty-four (84) feet south of the southerly right-of-way of East Park Avenue and extending south for seven hundred thirteen (713) feet; and at South College Drive along the easterly right-of-way, beginning eighty-eight (88) feet south of the southerly right-of-way of East Park Avenue and extending south for five hundred seventy-eight (578) feet.

Resolution No. 2015-71 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A PARKING RESTRICTION OF VEHICLES OVER SIX FEET IN HEIGHT ON SOUTH COLLEGE DRIVE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 22507 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE.

G. NO STOPPING ZONE
Resolution No. 2015-72 was adopted establishing no-stopping zones at West Craig Drive along the northerly right-of-way, beginning twenty-five (25) feet west of the westerly right-of-way of Blosser Road and extending west for sixty-four (64) feet; and at West Craig Drive along the southerly right-of-way, beginning thirty-six (36) feet west of the westerly right-of-way of Blosser Road and extending west for forty-two (42) feet.

Resolution No. 2015-72 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING NO-STOPPING ZONES ON WEST CRAIG DRIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

H. PARKING RESTRICTIONS
Resolution No. 2015-73 was adopted approving a parking restriction of vehicles over six feet in height at South McClelland Street along the westerly right-of-way, beginning at the southerly right-of-way of West Inger Drive and extending south for approximately eight hundred ninety (890) feet to the northerly right-of-way of West Daniel Drive; and West Daniel Drive along the southerly right-of-way, beginning at the westerly right-of-way alignment of South McClelland Street and extending for approximately five hundred fifty (550) feet east to the westerly right-of-way alignment of Miller Street.

Resolution No. 2015-73 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A PARKING RESTRICTION OF VEHICLES OVER SIX FEET IN HEIGHT ON SOUTH MCCLELLAND STREET AND EAST DANIEL DRIVE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 22507 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE.

4. PRESENTATION ON THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA'S WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS.
Utilities Director Springer gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. Governor Brown recently required cities across California to implement mandatory water conservation efforts. Current Statewide restrictions do not allow runoff when irrigating with potable water; the use of potable water on driveways or sidewalks; the use of hoses without a shut-off nozzle to wash vehicles; the use of potable water in a non-recirculating decorative water feature; the outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.; or the application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during or within 48 hours after a measurable rainfall. Hotels have been asked to cut back on services and not offer daily laundering of guests' linens. Restaurants are being asked to serve water only upon request of patrons.

The conservation target for Santa Maria is 16 percent. The City is prohibited from irrigating ornamental turf in public street medians with potable water. Irrigation within roundabouts has been turned off. Newly constructed homes are required to meet water restrictions when going through the permit process. The City makes monthly reports to the State on their compliance progress. The City also notifies customers when they have leaks on their property by leaving a tag on their property.

The Utilities Department has conducted a robust outreach campaign with television and radio commercials, public service announcements, website postings, social media, and flyers that will be included in utility bills. The Golden State Water Company has different restrictions than the City of Santa Maria, so the City is making sure to distribute the information as thoroughly as possible to reduce any confusion.

A water conservation hotline (both phone and email) has been established. About 160 communications have been received, the majority of them being reports of wasteful water use. The City sends out a Water Conservation Specialist to investigate the reports and educate the community.

The City does not have a turf replacement or "Cash for Grass" program at this time. However, they do have a showerhead exchange program (in collaboration with the County of Santa Barbara) and this is a free service. To date, 88 exchanges have been made. The State offers rebates for replacement of old appliances with certain energy efficient ones. Links have been added to the City's website regarding the programs offered by the State.

The City has a fixed base meter reading system that looks for houses or businesses that run water all day long for three days straight. At that point, a tag is posted letting the person know they may have a leak. The City also has a secondary water system with non-potable water from wells that do not meet the high standards of drinking water. This water is used for irrigation only.

The Utilities Department has been working with the Administrative Services Department to obtain accurate billing information to report back to the State. There is also coordination with the Fire Department regarding the amount of water they use for trainings. There is coordination with the

Community Development Department in that they monitor new landscape standards and will be responsible for implementation of the same with regard to new development projects.

The Recreation and Parks Department is one of the City's biggest water customers. Operationally, Recreation and Parks has stopped watering roundabouts, reduced watering days and times, and has raised mowing heights to reduce the amount of water necessary to keep grass alive. Instead of using water to clean outdoor facilities, blowers are being used. When it is necessary to use water to clean outdoor areas, the secondary non-potable water was being used. Turf was being replaced with drought-tolerant landscaping, drip systems are replacing the large pop-up sprayers, and parks now have self-closing faucets and spigots.

In May and June 2015, the City saved about 80 million gallons and met the 16 percent savings required by the State. The City will continue outreach and education to City residents while reducing operating costs where possible. Mr. Springer thanked residents of Santa Maria for their efforts and encouraged everyone to continue complying with water restrictions.

Councilmember Orach commented that there is a usage calculator on the City's website and he encouraged everyone to use it. He also encouraged people to use timers while irrigating or showering. He asked about the annual flushing of water lines and expressed concern about the response of residents when that happens.

Director of Utilities Springer stated the City saw water usage in June of 93 gallons per person per day. He also said the number one priority in the Utilities Department was to provide safe drinking water to City residents. He said flushing the lines was part of what is required to achieve that goal.

Councilmember Zuniga asked what qualifies as a measurable rainfall.

Director of Utilities Springer responded the State has not given specific numbers.

Councilmember Boysen reminded everyone that water conservation was not an excuse to let the character of a neighborhood suffer and lawns die.

Mayor Patino asked how many wells did not meet the standards of potable water.

Director of Utilities Springer responded that he did not know the exact number, but several of the wells in the downtown area had been reactivated and were providing water to the Civic Center and Allan Hancock College.

City Manager Haydon stated the secondary system of non-potable water was very high in nitrates that act as a fertilizer and that is why the Civic Center turf is as green as it is.

5. APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz gave a presentation as detailed in the written Council Agenda Report. The Council was asked to make appointments to the All-America City Committee, Block Grants Advisory Committee, Board of Appeals, Library Board of Trustees, and the Santa Barbara County Library Advisory Committee; and direct staff to re-advertise vacancies on the Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens – Area Agency on Aging, the Measure U2012 Citizens' Oversight Committee, the Board of Appeals, and any other Board or Committee that still had vacancies.

Public Input
There was no input from the public.

All-America City Committee
Due to the resignation of Committee Member Shannon McCreery, one member was needed to fill an unexpired term ending in January 2017. Applications were received from Leonardo Espinoza, Jr. and Lauretta Griffin. Councilmember Zuniga nominated Leonardo Espinoza, Jr. On motion by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Zuniga, Leonardo Espinoza, Jr. was appointed to the All-America City Committee to serve a term ending in January 2017, and carried unanimously: 5-0

Block Grants Advisory Committee
Five terms expire at the end of July 2015. Applications were received from incumbents Roy Allen, Robert Doyle, Robert Litzinger, and Nicolette Reeves; and one new application was received from Ryan Fisher. Incumbent Karen Cordary did not reapply. The following nominations were made by each Councilmember:

Councilmember Orach nominated Roy Allen.
Councilmember Boysen nominated Robert Doyle.
Councilmember Waterfield nominated Ryan Fisher.
Councilmember Zuniga nominated Nicolette Reeves.

Mayor Patino asked Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz to re-advertise the last vacancy on the Committee and receive additional applications. Mayor Patino accepted the four nominations and on motion, seconded by Councilmember Orach, Roy Allen, Robert Doyle, Ryan Fisher, and Nicolette Reeves were appointed to the Block Grants Advisory Committee to serve a term of three years ending in July 2018, and carried unanimously: 5-0

Board of Appeals
Two long-time vacancies existed on the Board of Appeals; a Trades Member vacancy and a Special Purpose Member vacancy. One application was received from John Childers Jr. for the Trades vacancy. On motion by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, John Childers Jr. was appointed to fill the Trades Member vacancy for an unspecified term, and carried unanimously: 5-0.

Library Board of Trustees
One term expires on the Library Board of Trustees at the end of July 2015. Incumbent Margaret Cooper reapplied. No other applications were received. On motion by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, Margaret Cooper was appointed to the Library Board of Trustees to serve a term of three years ending in July 2018, and carried unanimously: 5-0

Santa Barbara County Library A on the Santa Barbara County Library Advisory Committee at the end of July 2015. Incumbent Maureen Theobald reapplied. No other applications were received. On motion by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, Maureen Theobald was appointed to the Santa Barbara County Library Advisory Committee to serve a term of one year ending in July 2016, and carried unanimously: 5-0

Staff was directed to continue advertising the remaining vacancies on the Board of Appeals; the Central Coast Agency Commission for Senior Citizens – Area Agency on Aging; the Measure U2012 Citizens' Oversight Committee; along with the unfilled vacancy on Block Grants Advisory Committee that was not filled this evening.

PUBLIC HEARING:

5. ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS. Director of Public Works Kahn gave a presentation as detailed in the written Council Agenda Report. The City Council held a public hearing to consider protests to the proposed assessments for the City's Annual Weed Abatement Program to be collected as part of the 2015-16 property tax rolls. On March 18, 2015, Streets and Facilities staff mailed an abatement letter to owners of 253 properties. The letter informed the property owners of the Weed Abatement Program and that their property was in need of abatement. By signing and returning the mailed abatement letter to the Streets and Facilities Supervisor, property owners indicated their intention to accomplish abatement on their own and to continually abate nuisances in the event of recurrence. The abatement letter gave a deadline of April 15, 2015, for property owners to notify the Streets and Facilities Supervisor of their intent to accomplish their own abatement. After receiving notification, property owners themselves abated 240 lots. The City's contractor abated weeds and debris on the balance of 13 lots. The City's contractor abated 13 lots last year. The Streets and Facilities Supervisor developed a report of costs listed by assessor parcel number for the 13 lots abated. The administrative fee calculation method is based on a straight percentage of the abatement costs and generally covers the costs associated with the work required to administer the program, secure the services of contractors, and measure the areas of abatement for payments to the contractors. The cost of abatement constitutes a special assessment against the properties. Charges for the service will be added to the property tax bill for each parcel abated by the City. Work performed on City-owned properties is paid out of funds budgeted for this purpose. The City budgets $13,570 per year to support amounts paid to the contractor for abatement services.

Written Communications
No written protests or communications were received.

Public Hearing
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 7:48 p.m., and immediately closed the public hearing having received no requests to speak on this item.

Councilmember Discussion

There was no Council discussion.

Resolution No. 2015-74 was adopted confirming the report of weed abatement costs as amended in Exhibit A for assessment purposes, and directing the costs to be submitted to the Santa Barbara County for collection with the 2015-16 property taxes on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Resolution No. 2015-74 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING REPORT OF WEED ABATEMENT COSTS FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES BY THE STREETS AND FACILITIES SUPERVISOR.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER:
City Manager Haydon reported on items for the August 4, 2015, meeting to include a commendation for retiring Block Grants Advisory Committee Member Karen Cordary; a Proclamation honoring Reverend Julius Ford; and a proactive code enforcement update as well as a review of the Commercial Vehicle Ordinance.

City Manager Haydon asked Recreation and Parks Director Posada to give an update on the Special Olympics World Games schedule.

Recreation and Parks Director Posada announced the teams from France and the Isle of Mauritius had arrived in Los Angeles. They would be arriving in Santa Maria at 11:00 p.m. A welcome celebration was scheduled to be held on the following day (Wednesday) at 9:30 a.m. at the North Broadway McDonalds. Lunch was scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at the Coca-Cola distribution center. The team from the Congo was scheduled to arrive Wednesday, as well. A dinner was scheduled at the LDS Church in Orcutt. Thursday morning, the Knights of Columbus were holding a breakfast for everyone and then, at noon, a lunch was scheduled at Pacific Christian Center. Boomers was scheduled to host dinner Thursday evening. Friday morning, the teams were scheduled to go to Hancock College for breakfast. In between each of the scheduled events, the athletes would be transported to their specified training venues. On Saturday, the teams would then leave to Los Angeles for the World Games.

Councilmember Orach asked that an updated copy of the team's schedule be emailed to Councilmembers.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS):
Councilmember Boysen reported that he attended C3H Policy Council and Coordinating Committee meetings. He also indicated that the new C3H Director has set out to make some progress in the North County regarding homelessness issues previously identified by the City. He stated that C3H was forming a landlord liaison project. It had been very successful in Seattle, WA which housed over 4,000 formerly homeless individuals working with landlords and realtors. The program in Seattle has a 24-hour hotline for the property owners/landlords, monetary damage support, and tenant-based rental assistance through the City or County Housing Authority. C3H will make a concentrated effort in North County where eight families have been identified to move from the family transitional shelters and into permanent housing through the landlord liaison program, freeing up 32 beds in the family transition shelter to move people out of the emergency shelter. The Good Samaritan Shelter was having to turn away single men from the emergency shelters because it was completely full, largely with families. A lot of the people have jobs, but some have credit or criminal issues that prevent them being accepted by landlords for standard housing. The landlord liaison program would help to mitigate some of the landlords' concerns and get families into housing.

Councilmember Boysen also commented on a June 30, 2015, memo from the City Attorney regarding hookah lounges in the City. He indicated that he was not aware that the City actually had a hookah lounge. He indicated his support of banning future hookah lounges. He stated he would like to see an ordinance brought before the Council for consideration.

Councilmember Orach indicated he supported Councilmember Boysen's comments to ban hookah lounges in Santa Maria. He also reported that he attended a Chamber of Commerce Salute to the Industry luncheon, the People for Leisure and Youth event honoring Sister Janet as well as Jackie and Jerry MacNeil, and the Special Olympics activities. He also thanked the Code Enforcement

Division for their efforts on A Street and Betteravia Road, clearing out trucks and boats and improving the appearance of that part of the City.

Councilmember Waterfield reported that she attended the Chamber of Commerce Salute to the Industry luncheon; met with the Fugate family regarding the Barcellus Plaza project; attended a swearing-in with the Santa Maria Police Department; attended the Humane Society Open House; met with Supervisor Adam; attended the Santa Maria Fairpark VIP Pre-Opening Reception for the Santa Barbara County Fair; and attended the final leg of the Special Olympics Torch Run throughout California.

Councilmember Zuniga indicated that she also supported the review of an ordinance to ban hookah lounges. She reported that she attended a C3H Policy Council meeting; the Transportation Committee meeting that highlighted recent efforts of the airport; met with City staff regarding the Downtown Specific Plan; met with a developer regarding a proposed housing project; attended the People for Leisure and Youth Meritorious Service Awards Dinner honoring Sister Janet; and met with Chamber of Commerce staff. Councilmember Zuniga reminded everyone the next Serve Santa Maria event would be August 29 and invited everyone to be at the Maldonado Youth Center at 8:30 a.m. She also stated there was a service available for people who would like to get their lawns painted in lieu of watering. Anyone interested in doing so is encouraged to contact her.

Mayor Patino reported that she attended the Salute to the Industry Luncheon; met with the Fugate Family regarding the Barcellus Plaza project; attended the 30th Space Wing Change of Command at Vandenberg; attended the Quintron Technology Expo; attended the Santa Barbara Quarterly Mayors and Managers Meeting where they toured the new Santa Maria Police Department Facility; attended the Pioneer Park Picnic; attended the Concerts in the Park event at Los Flores; attended the Chamber of Commerce Transportation Meeting where Chris Hastert, CEO of the Airport District spoke; attended a lunch with community leaders from the Travis Air Force Base area; attended the Santa Barbara County Fair Pre-Opening Reception; attended the Chancellor's Circle Luncheon at Allan Hancock College; attended the annual picnic with the Committee for Pioneer Park; attended the Meritorious Service Awards Ceremony with People for Leisure and Youth; attended the Final Leg Torch Ceremony with the Special Olympics; and spoke on the Ben Heighes Radio Show.

CLOSED SESSION:
The City Council recessed at 8:09 p.m. to a Closed Session regarding Conference with Legal Counsel – existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Subdivision (d)(1). *The United States, et al., ex. rel. Hendrix. v. J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc., et a*l., Case No. ED CV-06-00055-GW, United States District Court, Central District of California.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:
Following the Closed Session, the Assistant City Attorney reported that direction was given to staff.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

APPROVED:

August 4, 2015
Date

Rhonda M. Garietz
Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST:

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria